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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - DRESDEN EXHIBITION

1. AT LEAST ELEVEN DDR MUSEUM OFFICIALS WILL ACCOMPANY
DRESDEN ART TREASURES BEING SENT FROM EAST GERMANY AND
JAPAN TO U. S. FOR EXHIBITION "THE SPLENDOR OF DRESDEN"
WHICH OPENS MAY 31, 1978 AT NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART IN
WASHINGTON; OCTOBER 17, 1978 AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IN
NEW YORK; AND FEBRUARY 18, 1979 AT FINE ARTS MUSEUM IN
SAN FRANCISCO. OFFICIALS EXPECTED ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON
BEGINNING ABOUT APRIL 20 FOR INITIAL STAY OF ABOUT TWO
(2) MONTHS TO SUPERVISE TRANSIT, UNPACKING, INSTALLATION
AND CARE OF ART OBJECTS.

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2. OFFICIALS INVITED TO ACCOMPANY SEGMENTS OF ART
SHIPMENT ARE: JOACHIM MENZHAUSEN, DIRECTOR OF GREEN
VAULT; GUENTHER REINHECKEL, DIRECTOR OF MUSEUM OF APPLIED
ARTS; KARL HEINZ WEBER, CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF THE PAINTING
GALLERY; INGELORE MENZHAUSEN, DIRECTOR OF THE PORCELAIN
COLLECTION; JOHANNES SCHOEBEL, DIRECTOR OF THE HISTORICAL

MUSEUM; EVA HERZOG, CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF THE GREEN VAULT;
RUDI REHN, CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF THE PRINT CABINET;
MANFRIED ZEHRFELD, CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF THE SCULPTURE

COLLECTION; HEINZ LANGER, DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION
BUREAU; HANS JOERG GOEPFERT, DIRECTOR OF THE STORAGE

DIVISION OF THE PAINTING GALLERY; AND HANS ROST,
DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE ART COLLECTIONS.
ROST WILL BRING PORTION OF COLLECTION FROM JAPAN BUT
SMITHSONIAN DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD APPLY FOR U. S.
VISA IN BERLIN OR TOKYO.

3. TOTAL NUMBER EAST GERMANS TO VISIT U. S. WITH
COLLECTION IS UNCERTAIN. SMITHSONIAN EXPECTS THOSE
LISTED PARA 2 TO BE INITIAL CONTINGENT. LOAN AGREEMENT
PROVIDES FURTHER THAT TWO (2) OFFICIALS WILL REMAIN WITH
COLLECTION UNTIL CONCLUSION OF U. S. TOUR ABOUT JUNE 30,
1979, AND THAT THESE TWO WILL BE RELIEVED TWICE, POSSIBLY
INVOLVING AN ADDITIONAL 6 PERSONS, UNLESS ALL OR PART OF
CUSTODIANS DRAWN FROM GROUP ACCOMPANYING INITIAL SHIPMENT
WHEN COLLECTION IS MOVED BETWEEN PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS,
6 OFFICIALS ARE TO SUPERVISE PACKING, SHIPPING, UNPACKING,
AND REINSTALLATION. HERE AGAIN THESE MAY BE DRAWN FROM
INITIAL ELEVEN OR MAY BE CHANGED, PROVIDING POSSIBLE
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ADDITIONAL 12 PERSONS. FINALLY, EACH PORTION OF RETURN
SHIPMENT TO DRESDEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED, POSSIBLY USING

ORIGINAL 11, BUT ALSO POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL 11. IN SUM,
FROM 11 TO 34 PERSONS WILL BE INVOLVED, AND DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN MUSEUMS AND DDR OFFICIALS HAVE NOT MADE ACTUAL
NUMBER CLEAR. PERHAPS WHEN OFFICIALS APPLY FOR U. S.
VISAS, EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE WHAT PORTION OF AGREED
COLLECTION CUSTODIANSHIP EACH INTENDS TO FULFILL.

4. PARTICIPATING U. S. MUSEUMS WILL SHARE COSTS OF
TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM AT STANDARD U. S. G. RATE, AND
HEALTH, LIFE, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE. NO
COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID FROM U. S. SOURCES.

5. SMITHSONIAN PREPARED TO FORWARD FORMS DSP-66 FOR VISIT-
ING GERMANS COVERING ENTIRE U. S. TOUR UNDER SMITHSONIAN
EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM G-5-208 UNLESS EMBASSY PREFERENCES
TO ISSUE B-1/B-2 VISAS. PLEASE ADVISE SMITHSONIAN OF
EMBASSY PREFERENCE. IN ANY CASE, SMITHSONIAN WOULD PREFER
THAT EMBASSY OBTAIN CONFIRMATION FROM NATIONAL GALLERY
BEFORE INCLUDING ADDITIONAL EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IF CIRCUMSTANCES PRECLUDE
CONFIRMATION BY CABLE, EMBASSY MAY TELEPHONE NATIONAL GALLERY

ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL ELIZABETH CROOG OR CURATOR RUSTY
POWELL ON TELEPHONE 737-4215.

6. PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS WILL ALSO BE INVITING DDR
OFFICIALS TO ATTEND OPENING CEREMONIES AT OWN EXPENSE.
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